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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL DISCUSSION BRAZILIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

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1. WHEN EC, CANADA, BRAZIL FAILED RESPOND OUR EFFORTS CONVINCE ONE OF THEM TAKE LEAD IN FEBRUARY 17 GATT COUNCIL DISCUSSION BRAZILIAN IMPORT MEASURES, WE RAISED SUBJECT IN COUNCIL UNDER ROUTINE COVER OF AGENDA ITEM ON SCHEDULE OF BOP CONSULTATIONS FOR 1976. WE COORDINATED OUR PRESENTATION IN ADVANCE WITH BRAZILIAN AMB. MACIEL, WHO IS ALSO COUNCIL CHAIRMAN. ALTHOUGH MACIEL HAD EXPRESSED MILD HOPE WE WOULD NOT RAISE MATTER, HE ACCEPTED FACT THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO, AND BRAZIL'S REPLY DURING COUNCIL WAS QUIET AND RESPONSIVE.

2. IN COUNCIL, U.S. NOTED PRESS REPORTS INDICATE BRAZIL HAS TAKEN ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO LIMIT IMPORTS, EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR BOP SITUATION IN WHICH BRAZIL FOUND ITSELF, ASSUMED BRAZIL WOULD REPORT NEW MEASURES SOON IN
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ACCORD NORMAL GATT PROCEDURES, AND ASSUMED NEW MESAURES

WOULD BE EXAMINED AT REGULAR SPRING SESSION BOP COMMITTEE
ALONG WITH BRAZILIAN MEASURES ALREADY REFERRED TO THAT
COMMITTEE. EC FOLLOWED BY ASKING NOTIFICATION OF NEW
BRAZILIAN RESTRICTIONS.

3. BRAZIL SAID THEY WOULD NOTIFY MEASURES SHORTLY AND
WERE PREPARED HAVE FULL CONSULTATION ON ALL RESTRICTIONS
DURING APRIL MEETING BOP COMMITTEE.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT MADE ANY MENTION TO
BRAZIL OF POSSIBLE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF BRAZILIAN
IMPORT MEASURES IN GROUP OF 18 FEB. 24-25 (PARAS 2 AND 5
OF REFTEL). IN VIEW RELATIVELY RELAXED ACCEPTANCE BY
BRAZIL OF SPRING CONSULTATION BY BOP COMMITTEE, WE
WOULD NOT NOW VIEW THIS AS USEFUL SUBJECT FOR G-18 FORUM.
PLEASE ADVISE IF GENEVA ACTION STILL DESIRED.

5. ONLY OBSTACLE TO SPRING BOP CONSULTATION NOW IS
IMF PREPARATION. GATT SECRETARIAT ASKED US HOW U.S.
PLANNED SEE PARIL BOP COMMITTEE EXAMINATION OF BRAZIL
WHEN IMF DECISION NOT EXPECTED UNTIL END OF MAY. WE
RESPONDED, PER PARA 4 OF REFTEL, THAT U.S.G. IN WASHING-
TON PLANNED ASK IMF SECRETARIAT TAKE WHATEVER STEPS
NECESSARY TO ENABLE CONSULTATIONS BE HELD THIS SPRING.

6. RECOMMENDATION: IN VIEW OF APPARENT BROAD AND
HIGH-LEVEL WASHINGTON INTEREST IN BRAZILIAN CASE EVI-
DENCED BY REFTEL, AND BECAUSE OF FAVORABLE OUTCOME
THIS ISSUE FROM U.S. STANDPOINT IN GATT COUNCIL DISCUS-
SION, BELIEVE IT NOW IMPERATIVE THAT WASHINGTON DO
WHATEVER NECESSARY TO CONVINCE FUND TO COOPERATE. RE-
QUEST THAT IMF ALSO BE ASKED COMMUNICATE THEIR REVISED
BRAZIL CONSULTATION SCHEDULE TO IMF GENEVA OFFICE AS
EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT BRAZIL'S AGREEMENT SUB-
MIT TO APRIL EXAMINATION NOT BEGIN TO UNRAVEL FROM THIS
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